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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 10:41 AM

To: 'sp@hslak.com'

Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Just some info we have used to counter comments on the per diem issue in case it comes up in your interview

- Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of \$4,461
- State of Alaska rented an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski
- Governor Knowles accepted per diem while in Anchorage
- Per diem is NOT taxable
- Governor Murkowski's travel in 2006 totaled \$525,392
- Governor Palin dismissed chef for mansion chef / OT/ Temp savings = \$97,000 - for 2007
- Annual savings in house expenses (food and supplies for the mansion) = \$96,000 - for 2007
- Reduction in security detail down from 7 - 2 = \$125,000 in savings for 2007
- Governor Palin does not travel with an entourage
- King Air has NOT been available most of this year - down for maintenance, painting, etc.
- Governor Palin prefers to drive herself - no chauffeur

Ms. Garnero,

I'm writing with a few technical questions regarding the per diem paid to Gov. Palin for nights she spent in her Wasilla residence between Dec. 4, 2006 and June 30, 2008:

1) Is the per diem she received the same type paid to state employees for the purpose of covering lodging/meals/incidentals incurred while working away from home on state business? Is there any other purpose for the per diem received by the governor?

2) Does the state consider the per diem paid to the governor to be taxable income?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Lyndsey Layton
National Staff Writer
The Washington Post
202.334.7493

1) Yes, our travel policies provides for a meals and incidentals (M&IE) allowance when on travel status as follows:

If a traveler maintains a dwelling at their destination and it is available to them, they will be entitled to only an M&IE allowance for normal workdays. An M&IE allowance for other than normal workdays is not allowed. (excerpt from the Alaska Administrative Manual 60.250)

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I am aware of no other purpose for the per diem paid to the governor.

2) No, our travel policies follow the IRS requirements for accountable plans. M&IE allowances that are below the federal rates are not taxable as long as the traveler working outside their duty station.

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To: Burkert, Erin E (GOV)
Cc: Collins, Donna S (GOV)
Subject: FW: POPULATION AND BUDGET

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From: JOHN MORRIS [mailto:johnness123@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 9:50 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: POPULATION AND BUDGET

MY NAME IS JOHN AND I'M A 54 YEAR OLD BLACK MALE REPUBLICAN LIVING HERE IN ATLANTA GA AND I'M A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF YOUR GOVERNOR BEING NOMINATED FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!! I NEED INFORMATION FOR ME AND MY DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS ABOUT THE POPULATION OF ALASKA(HOW BIG, ECT) BROKEN DOWN BY RACE IF POSSIBLE AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE STATE. MY FRIENDS DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY BLACK PEOPLE LIVING IN ALASKA EXCEPT FOR THE ONES IN THE MILITARY BUT I BEG TO DIFFER!!! AND THEY SEEM TO THINK THAT RUNNING A STATE LIKE ALASKA IS EASY AS OPPOSED TO A STATE LIKE GEORGIA!!! IF YOU COULD GET ME THIS INFO ASAP I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU AND GIVE MY CONGRATS TO SARAH!!!!

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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 9:51 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Press office policy on non-media questions

Governor,

Bill has come up with a policy for how we will handle these requests, if you concur. His idea is in the e-mail below.

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From: McAllister, William D (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 9:42 AM
To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: RE: POPULATION AND BUDGET

That is, a policy on questions from citizens, vs. media? No, there isn't one. Here's what I'd say: Anything from a citizen that can be answered promptly or referred to the proper authority, we'll handle. Anything extravagant requested from a non-Alaska resident, requiring labor-intensive research, we must politely decline to provide. If it's an Alaska citizen, we'll try to get it eventually, but won't make promises on timing. How's that?

From: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 9:37 AM
To: McAllister, William D (GOV)
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Yes - we can take care of this individual request. But see the Governor's question at the bottom of the e-mail. She wants to know if the press office has set a policy on how to handle random questions like this.

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From: sp@hslak.com
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:43 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: couple of things

Yes

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2008 16:58:06 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>
Subject: RE: couple of things

I believe he is, do you want me to see how flexible his schedule is?

From: sp@hslak.com [mailto:sp@hslak.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 4:07 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: couple of things

Is Joe in Anchorage tomorrow at all?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 11 Sep 2008 07:46:31 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>
Subject: RE: couple of things

Yes, maybe we can set a time for you to talk to Joe while you are in Anchorage. A phone call can be arranged instead of a face to face meeting, you probably do not have time for that. I would like to do a follow up call with him as well.

From: sp@hslak.com [mailto:sp@hslak.com]
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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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Date: Wed, 10 Sep 2008 11:46:48 -0800
To: <sp@hslak.com>
Subject: RE: couple of things
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From: sp@hslak.com [mailto:sp@hslak.com]
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To: Hogan; William H (HSS)
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Thank you Bill! Keep up the great work - you are sincerely appreciated!

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: Bill Hogan
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Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: sp@hslak.com
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To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Thank you!

For such a nice message about Track! Give Sharon a big hug... we love you guys.

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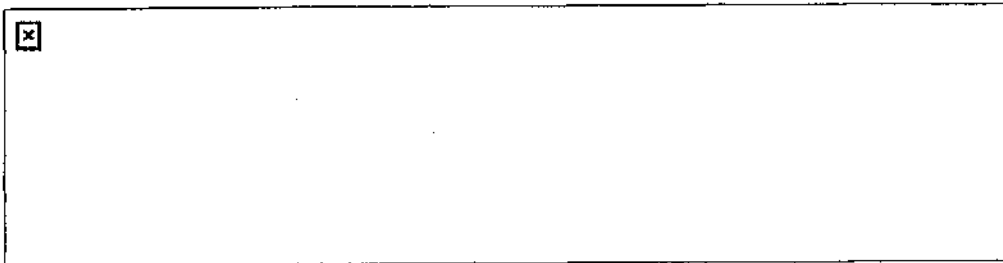
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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:45 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: PR 08-157 Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner 091208

Governor:
Great pick! Ken and I have known Joe and Michelle since their days in Sand Point! He has a twin, but I can't think of his name.
ak

From: Burkert, Erin E (GOV) [mailto:erin.burkert@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:40 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Cc: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Subject: PR 08-157 Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner 091208



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 08-157

Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner

September 12, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today named Joseph A. Masters, security director of Doyon Universal Services and affiliate professor at University of Alaska Southeast, as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

"Joe Masters brings more than two decades of Alaska law enforcement experience to the Department of Public Safety," Governor Palin said. "Both the department and all Alaskans will be well-served by his professionalism and knowledge of all facets of the organization."

Masters, 44, of Anchorage, has 24 years of public safety experience. He has more than 20 years of service with the Department of Public Safety in various roles including supervising trooper recruitment and training. Masters served as deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers from June 2003 through May 2005. Prior to his service with the Troopers, Masters was a commander in Fish & Wildlife Protection.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility by Governor Palin and I look forward to working with the Department of Public Safety, and in cooperation with other departments, in a

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continual quest for improved delivery of services," Masters said. "The members of the department are hardworking and dedicated to the protection of the citizens of Alaska and I am equally honored to provide direction and leadership to these everyday heroes."

Masters is a 1986 graduate of the Alaska State Trooper Academy. He serves on the board of directors for the Alaska Native Justice Center, the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers and other organizations, and serves on working groups of the Alaska Rural Justice Commission. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Michelle and their three children.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 12:04 PM
To: Mason; Janice L. (GOV)
Subject: FW: Trig

From: Wilson, Linda J [mailto:linda.j.wilson@lmco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 11:30 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Trig

<http://alexandrarose1.homestead.com/DevelopmentalExercises.html>

Just wanted to wish you congratulations on your beautiful baby boy Trig. We too are blessed with an angel with Down Syndrome, Alexandra, 6 (website above). My sister-in-law put together the website I enclosed as its filled with wonderfully helpful guidance as Alex finished regular ed kindergarten last year, plays t-ball, reads like a champ and is so bright and beautiful and has such amazing potential as I know your little angel will as well. God Bless you and your family and God Bless your race to the Vice Presidency. There couldn't be a finer person chosen.

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From: PAUL KENDALL [pauldkendall@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 9:30 AM
To: afsgc@uaa.alaska.edu; "rep bryce_edgmon"@legis.state.ak.us;
rep_anna_fairclough@legis.state.ak.us; rep_bill_thomas@legis.state.ak.us; Governor Sarah Palin
(GOV sponsored); sen_joe_thomas@legis.state.ak.us; Stedman; Bert K (LAA); Huggins; Charlie
(LAA); steve.colt@uaa.alaska.edu; Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: cnn cafferty file; vern thompson; sypres@alaska.edu
Subject: THE PLAN + or (2 attachments -one is revised and one is new)

Date: 9-12-08

Ladies and Gentlemen,

(please accept the two 2 attachments)

I was asked to revise my new society flyers (4 pages) to a more accomodating and inclusive verbage...
so i did -- i think..

and a new rough draft on THE PLAN for an energy vision...

Respectfully,

Paul D. Kendall

land line msg 907-222-7882
Cell now 907-884-2424

E. pauldkendall@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 9:24 AM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: FW: Todd's college career @ Missouri Valley College in Marshall MO?

From: Johnny Henry [mailto:johnnydh69@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 7:27 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Todd's college career @ Missouri Valley College in Marshall MO?

-- On Wed, 9/10/08, Johnny Henry <johnnydh69@yahoo.com> wrote:
From: Johnny Henry <johnnydh69@yahoo.com>
Subject: Todd's college career @ Missouri Valley College in Marshall MO?
To: governor@gov.ak.us
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 10:18 AM

Goodmorning ;)

My name is Johnny Henry and I am a senior at Missouri Valley College in Marshall Missouri. There is information flying around of your husband possibly attending MVC at some point in the 80's. Is this statement valid? If so could you please ask him to answer the following attached questions please? Thank you for your time:)

Respectfully
Johnny Henry

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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW:

From: annalisa43@comcast.net [mailto:annalisa43@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 12:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject:

I was writing to Sarah on a personal level as her and I attended high school together as well as college in Hawaii. Please relay the message below to her. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,
Lisa Benotti
Class of 1982, Wasilla High, Alaska

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: annalisa43@comcast.net
To: governor@gov.state.ak.us
Date: Wed, 10 Sep 2008 19:58:21 +0000
Hi Sarah-

Just wanted to write a quick email to say your doing a great job! Keep up the good work!

Your friend,

Lisa Benotti

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From: Thomas Mack [tmack@aleutcorp.com]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
Subject: Adak, Alaska-City in crisis!

Governor Palin,

At the Partners for Affordable Energy roundtable held in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook on August 5, 2008, I briefly talked to you about the potential benefits that Adak could possibly offer the State of Alaska in regards to fuel storage. Adak has the capacity to store up to 20 million gallons of fuel. Presently, the City of Adak is in a crisis situation.

On June 30th the Aleut Corporation received news from the City of Adak that they were nearly out of fuel to operate the City's diesel power generators. On Tuesday July 2nd, the City began power rationing by shutting down the power plant for periods of time to conserve fuel for critical activities.

For some time, our fueling subsidiary Aleut Enterprise, LLC (AE, LLC) has been working with the City of Adak in an attempt to avoid this type of situation, with no success. The City of Adak still owed AE, LLC about \$320K for fuel on July 2nd 2008. The Aleut Corporation has a responsibility to over 3500 shareholders and its resources (financial and operational) are limited, so simply continuing to extend the City's credit uncapped and purchasing more fuel with monies that belong to all of our shareholders is not a decision we could make. However, allowing the residents and businesses to go without power for large blocks of time each day was not acceptable either. So, the Aleut Corporation worked out a temporary agreement with the City to continue to supply fuel for the power utility for a period of 60 days. We have been helping the City explore alternatives that may lead to a long-term solution that ensures the City's ability to generate power and our ability to get paid for fuel on Adak without success.

On September 2nd, the temporary fueling agreement with the City of Adak expired without a longer-term solution in place. AE, LLC has continued working with the City in an attempt to find a lasting solution. Part of the temporary agreement involved attempts to collect funds owed to the City by the local fish processor on Adak. Adak Fisheries has not been able to pay their bills this year due primarily to the predatory business practices of the Seattle-based Trident Seafood's Company who targeted the Adak Cod fishery and reduced the rural community on-shore processor's most recent harvest by 80%. With no money to collect, the City of Adak now owes AE, LLC more than \$525,000. AE, LLC can no longer afford to carry this heavy debt for the City. The City of Adak is now power rationing once again and will be completely out of fuel by Sunday, September 14, 2008.

As if being cold and in the dark isn't hard enough, the Deputy Commissioner of Aviation & Airports, Christine Kline was nice enough to notify us today, Friday, September 12 that the FAA will be closing the Adak airport due to the lack of reliable power to their computer systems.

Closing the airport will stop all travel and delivery of supplies to the community. They will run

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critically low of provisions within a short period of time and will have no way off the island without the scheduled EAS (essential air service). No flights will also cut off access to external medical treatment and medivac flights, as already happened earlier this week for a suspected stroke victim. Without power and heat, the school will be closed and the electric powered sewer lift stations will not function.

The City of Adak is in an emergency situation and needs help beyond what we can provide locally. They need help from the State of Alaska to survive.

The City lacks leadership and needs immediate assistance to facilitate coordination between various State and Federal agencies that may be able to help provide grant money and / or loans to buy fuel. The City needs to bridge the next 3 to 4 months while they complete the sale of their utility to a new group who can better manage and fund the power generation. Your office's assistance would be a great service to this vulnerable, rural community. Please help them.

Thank you for your time and your immediate attention to this matter.

Thomas Mack

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Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: PR 08-157 Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner 091208
Attachments: image001.jpg

Great to hear from you Governor! I hope all is well. I'm still getting used to watching you on the national news 24/7. I can't speak to the campaign aspect (ethics rules and all) but you sure are doing Alaska proud! Take care
-Mindy

Mindy Rowland
Deputy Legislative Director
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
465-4021

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:45 PM
To: Burkert, Erin E (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Cockrell, Robert A (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); McAllister, William D (GOV)
Cc: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: PR 08-157 Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner 091208

Thank you for getting this announcement out... and thanks so much to Bob and Mike N. and Randy for their good work on this!

From: Burkert, Erin E (GOV)
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Cc: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Sent: Fri Sep 12 16:40:02 2008
Subject: PR 08-157 Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner 091208



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Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner

September 12, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today named Joseph A. Masters, security director of Doyon Universal Services and affiliate professor at University of Alaska Southeast, as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

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"Joe Masters brings more than two decades of Alaska law enforcement experience to the Department of Public Safety," Governor Palin said. "Both the department and all Alaskans will be well-served by his professionalism and knowledge of all facets of the organization."

Masters, 44, of Anchorage, has 24 years of public safety experience. He has more than 20 years of service with the Department of Public Safety in various roles including supervising trooper recruitment and training. Masters served as deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers from June 2003 through May 2005. Prior to his service with the Troopers, Masters was a commander in Fish & Wildlife Protection.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility by Governor Palin and I look forward to working with the Department of Public Safety, and in cooperation with other departments, in a continual quest for improved delivery of services," Masters said. "The members of the department are hardworking and dedicated to the protection of the citizens of Alaska and I am equally honored to provide direction and leadership to these everyday heroes."

Masters is a 1986 graduate of the Alaska State Trooper Academy. He serves on the board of directors for the Alaska Native Justice Center, the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers and other organizations, and serves on working groups of the Alaska Rural Justice Commission. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Michelle and their three children.

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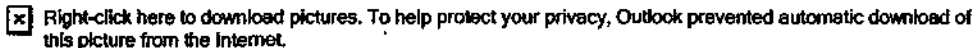
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Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:37 PM
To: 'sp@hslak.com'
Subject: Fw: PR 08-156 Governor Palin Appoints Marine Transportation Advisory Board Members 091208
Attachments: PR 08-156 Governor Palin Appoints Marine Transportation Advisory Board Members 091208.doc; image001.jpg

From: Burkert, Erin E (GOV)
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Cc: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Sent: Fri Sep 12 14:56:35 2008
Subject: PR 08-156 Governor Palin Appoints Marine Transportation Advisory Board Members 091208



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September 12, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today announced she has appointed William T. Beck, John "JC" Conley, Mark Ellason, Gerry Hope, Capt. William Hopkins, Clay Koplin, Mike Korsmo, Shirley Marquardt, Cathie Roemmich, Maxine Thompson and Robert Venables to the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB).

The 11-member board, comprised of representatives of a cross-section of Alaska communities, advises and makes non-binding recommendations to the state and the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) on issues related to the state ferry system. The board was originally created by administrative order in 2003. Governor Palin reauthorized it by Administrative Order 240 in 2007, and established it in state law by signing House Bill 294 in June.

"The state ferry system is an essential part of the transportation system serving Alaskans across Southeast and Southcentral Alaska," Governor Palin said. "The benefits of this board can already be seen. In the past year and a half, MTAB has worked with the AMHS on fiscally responsible budgeting, route adjustments and schedules, and we've seen improved service, increased ridership, and schedules released earlier than ever before." Since 2007, passenger traffic from Sitka to Juneau is up 41 percent and vehicle traffic from Juneau to Petersburg is up 67 percent, she noted.

Beck, of Anchorage, fills an at-large public seat and also fulfills a requirement that the board include a resident of an area not directly served by the AMHS. Since 1992, he has been owner and

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manager of an Anchorage travel agency now known as Alaska Travel Source, and has held certification from the International Association of Travel Agents. From 1980-91 he worked as a commercial diver for an Alaska underwater construction service, and before that spent three years as a junior and high school science teacher in Petersburg. Beck earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and education from the University of South Carolina in 1977.

Conley, of Ketchikan, fills a seat reserved for a business owner with experience interacting with the AMHS, and will also fulfill a requirement that one member reside in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Conley owns Service Auto Parts in Ketchikan. He has served three terms on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, and served twice as chair of the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce and the Southeast Conference. Conley chaired MTAB when it was originally authorized by administrative order in 2003.

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From: Burkert, Erin E (GOV)
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)
Cc: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Sent: Fri Sep 12 13:45:02 2008
Subject: PR 08-155 Palin Calls for a Halt to Offshore Fish Farm Proposal 091208



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Palin Calls for a Halt to Offshore Fish Farm Proposal

September 12, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today expressed her administration's objections to elements of the federal government's proposal to allow decommissioned oil and gas platforms in federal waters to be used for fish farming and other forms of aquaculture.

"Alaska's natural wild fisheries have been well managed on a sustainable basis for years, and are critically important to our state's economy, especially in our coastal communities," said Palin.

"Disease, parasites, and escapement of non-native stocks from fish farms are just some elements of the threat that aquaculture can pose to wild fish stocks."

Governor Palin's comments came in response to a Minerals Management Service (MMS) proposal that would allow offshore oil and gas platforms to be utilized for aquaculture. The Governor outlined several specific concerns, including:

- Marketplace confusion about Alaska's healthy, wild seafood resulting in lost fisheries value to the state;
- Disease and parasite transmission;
- Escapes/releases of farmed fish possibly leading to colonization by non-native fish species and genetic impacts on native species; and

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- Environmental effects.

The state of Alaska has consistently requested that authorization of offshore aquaculture be considered only after establishing comprehensive biological and socio-economic baselines that will allow for a meaningful evaluation of its effects. The proposed rule does not include such provisions.

In a letter to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, Governor Palin requested that offshore aquaculture be removed from a list of authorized alternate rights-of-use for decommissioned platforms. In a separate letter, Governor Palin asked that the MMS schedule of public hearings in coastal states on the proposed rule be expanded to include public hearings in Alaska, where the potential for expansion of oil and gas development activity is great. In addition to concerns about potential impacts of offshore aquaculture, Governor Palin objected to MMS' regulatory authorization of offshore aquaculture when Congress is considering two bills authorizing such activity.

"This issue is of such importance to our coastal economy and environment that it deserves a thorough and comprehensive review by Congress and should not be authorized through regulation by an agency whose primary expertise is energy, not management of marine resources," said Palin.

If Secretary Kempthorne were to move forward with a proposed rule change allowing aquaculture activities in offshore federal waters, Governor Palin urged him to prohibit farming of certain species such as salmon, halibut and black cod. She further asked the secretary to allow each individual state the ability to decide for itself whether aquaculture should occur in federal waters off its shores.

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Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 12:18 PM
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Test

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To: 'govsarah@alaska.gov' <govsarah@alaska.gov>
Sent: Fri Sep 12 12:14:24 2008
Subject: Test

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 11:44 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 10:10 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. betty wilson
address: p.o. box 71 Nondalton AK 99640
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MESSAGE:

MY FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR CONGRADULATENS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THE NEW BABY!!!!
I AM THE MOTHER OF A KNOW 13 YEAR OLD WHO HAS DOWNSYNDROME I WAS ONLY 16 AND HE WAS MY
FIRST CHILD . I AM VERY PROUD OF THE CHOICES I MADE WITH MY SON NATHAN AND IF HAD THE
CHOICE TO GO BACK AND CHANGE HIM TO BE DIFFERENT I WON'T CHANGE A THING I LOVE MY SON SO
MUCH AND HE TAUGHT ME ALOT.WE ARE LIFE LONG ALASKANS AND LIVE IN THE BUSH, AND WE WOULD
JUST LIKE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL SON. ALSO WE ARE HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO GET TO KNOW NATHAN AND HIS FAMILY MORE WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MAYBE
GET A PHOTO TOGETHER SINCE YOU ALL BEEN IN THE SPOT LIGHT LATELY AND YOU ARE OUR GOVENER
AND WE ARE PROUD OF THAT AND LOVE YA AND WILL BE VOTING FOR YOU AND MCCAIN IN NOVEMBER. I
CAN BE A ADVOCATE WITH YOU, THAT WOULD BE COOL BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN THE RACE

BETTY WILSON-EVANOFF

LIFE LONG ALASKAN AND MOTHER OF ONE OF GODS SPECIAL GIFTS

wilsonevanoff@gci.net

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:27 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: George at Mat-Su Energy Inc.

We will send card. Janice

From: George Sikat [mailto:gsikat@gsi.net]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 10:10 AM
Subject: George at Mat-Su Energy Inc.

From George and Family

With great sadness my family and I wanted to let you know

that at around 12pm NY time my uncle Bruno passed away in peace.

His words of life will be passed on as taught to me.

His mentoring was with love and seasoned with the spice of life. And he new how to live!!!

I will honor him as he would want to be.

We'll celebrate the memories over a great meal with a glass of champaign raise

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FYI - Janice

From: annalisa43@comcast.net [mailto:annalisa43@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 12:21 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject:

I was writing to Sarah on a personal level as her and I attended high school together as well as college in Hawaii. Please relay the message below to her. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,
Lisa Benotti
Class of 1982, Wasilla High, Alaska

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: annalisa43@comcast.net
To: governor@gov.state.ak.us
Date: Wed, 10 Sep 2008 19:58:21 +0000
Hi Sarah-

Just wanted to write a quick email to say your doing a great job! Keep up the good work!

Your friend,

Lisa Benotti

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From: zoom@gci.net on behalf of Scott [zoom@gci.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2008 10:05 PM
To: McAllister, William D (GOV); Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Our Indonesian exchange student...at the rally in ANC

Dear Gov. Palin--

Just a brief note to let you know how proud we are of you and your quest to bring reform to Washington, DC.

This year, we're hosting a young woman from Indonesia as an exchange student. I asked her last night if she would like to go see you at the rally this AM. She said "Sure"!

So, we got up early and got a good spot for your rally this morning.

Again, we're very proud of you and we're confident that you're taking the "Alaska Spirit" with you on the campaign trail.

If you have an opportunity, I hope you can send a note of encouragement to Sulis. Her full name is Sulistianingsih Fitri .

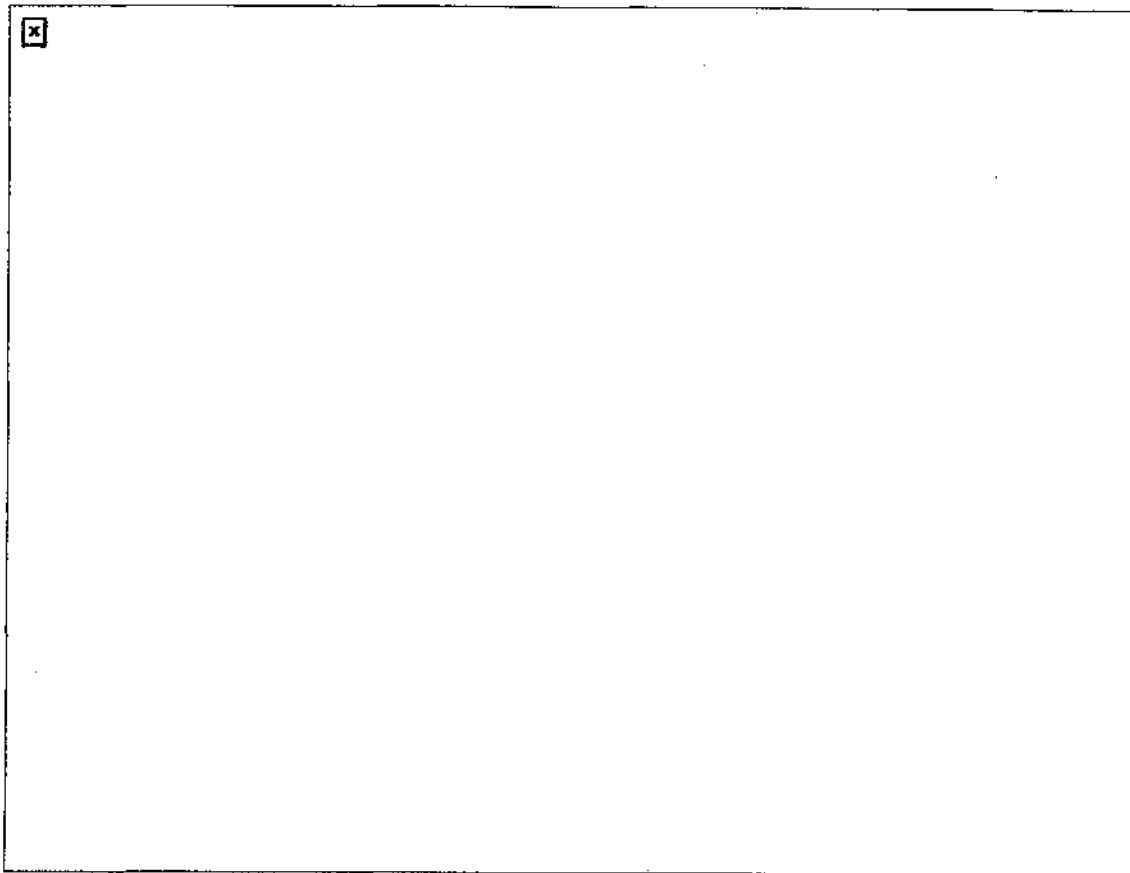
Her email address is: shuliez_white17@yahoo.com

She is a senior at Service H.S. in Anchorage and she's studying the American political system on a scholarship from the U.S. State Department. I took her to the voting station with me for the primary on Aug. 26.

Best, s

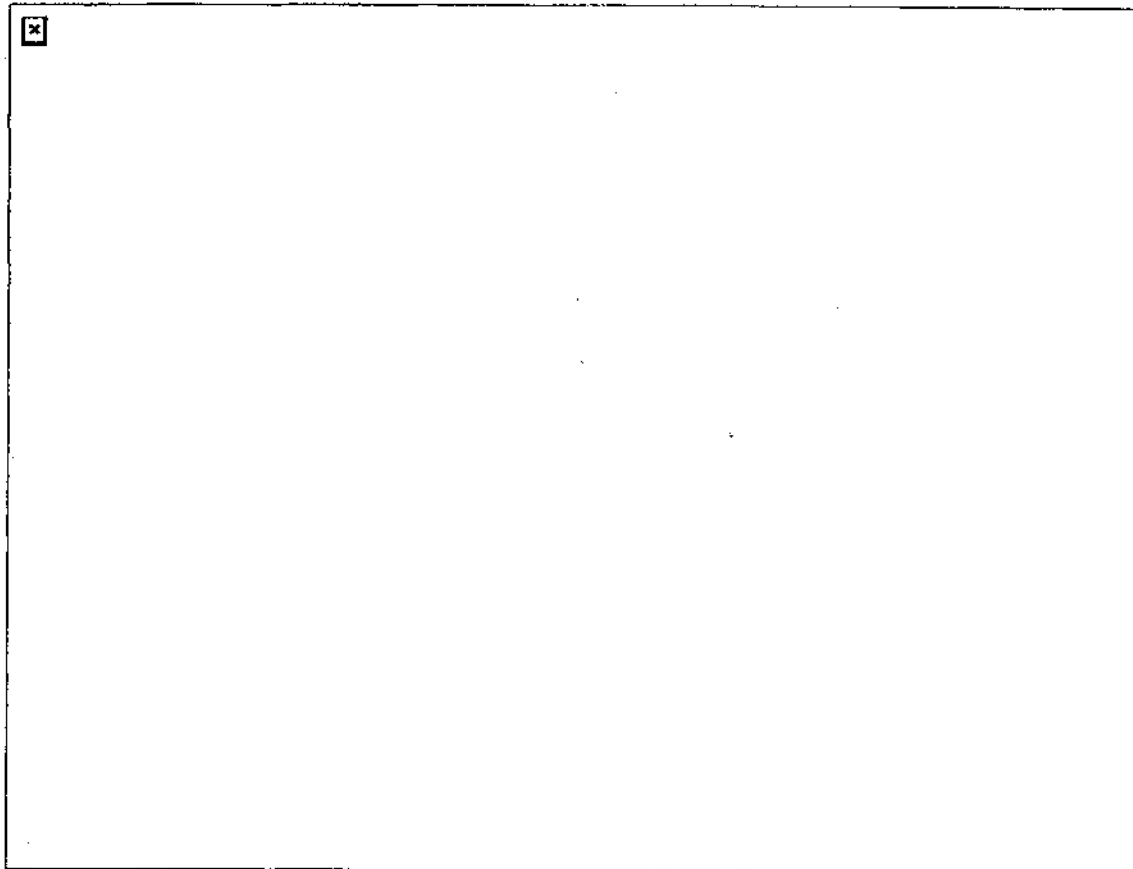
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Governor,
Got your message just now; didn't quite understand. Mike said yesterday to refer most things to the campaign. That pretty much has been the practice lately. No calls from the NY Times today; got an e-mail about the same time as your message. Inquiry yesterday was regarding Ivy. It seemed like a trap; he bypassed the press office at first. I wasn't sure what I could say, anyway. If I am going to respond to everything, I need more guidance.
--Bill

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Thank you for getting this announcement out... and thanks so much to Bob and Mike N. and Randy for their good work on this!

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Governor Palin Names Public Safety Commissioner

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September 12, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today named Joseph A. Masters, security director of Doyon Universal Services and affiliate professor at University of Alaska Southeast, as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

"Joe Masters brings more than two decades of Alaska law enforcement experience to the Department of Public Safety," Governor Palin said. "Both the department and all Alaskans will be well-served by his professionalism and knowledge of all facets of the organization."

Masters, 44, of Anchorage, has 24 years of public safety experience. He has more than 20 years of service with the Department of Public Safety in various roles including supervising trooper recruitment and training. Masters served as deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers from June 2003 through May 2005. Prior to his service with the Troopers, Masters was a commander in Fish & Wildlife Protection.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility by Governor Palin and I look forward to working with the Department of Public Safety, and in cooperation with other departments, in a continual quest for improved delivery of services," Masters said. "The members of the department are hardworking and dedicated to the protection of the citizens of Alaska and I am equally honored to provide direction and leadership to these everyday heroes."

Masters is a 1986 graduate of the Alaska State Trooper Academy. He serves on the board of directors for the Alaska Native Justice Center, the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers and other organizations, and serves on working groups of the Alaska Rural Justice Commission. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Michelle and their three children.

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Department of Justice again advises repeal of state Certificate of Need due to abuses and ineffectiveness.

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Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice Issue Joint Statement on Certificate-of-Need Laws in Illinois

Agencies Say CON Laws Undercut Consumer Choice, Stifle Innovation and Weaken Markets' Ability to Contain Health Care Costs

In a joint statement to the Illinois Task Force on Health Planning Reform, the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice (DOJ) stated the agencies' position regarding certificate-of-need (CON) laws, saying that the laws undercut consumer choice, stifle innovation and weaken markets' ability to contain health care costs. Today's statement reiterates the agencies' ongoing efforts to promote competition in health care.

State CON programs generally prevent firms from entering certain areas of the health care market unless they can demonstrate to state authorities that there is an unmet need for their services. The task force is considering eliminating or amending Illinois' CON requirements. The agencies were asked by the task force to present their views at a meeting to be held in Chicago on Sept. 15, 2008.

FTC Chairman William Kovacic underscored the importance of health care competition, stating that, "The health care industry provides us all with fundamental services at significant and vulnerable times. Vigorous competition can promote greater access to cost-effective, high-quality health care."

In the joint statement, the agencies said that CON laws impede the efficient performance of health care markets by creating barriers to entry and expansion, to the detriment of health care competition and consumers. The statement describes economic research on the effects of CON laws, as well as some of the risks that CON laws can entail. For example, in addition to limiting entry, CON laws create opportunities for existing competitors to

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exploit the CON process to thwart or delay new competition; they can facilitate anticompetitive agreements among providers; and the CON process itself may be susceptible to corruption.

"The Antitrust Division is committed to providing guidance on how to promote competition in the health care industry," said Thomas O. Barnett, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department's Antitrust Division.

"Competition in this important industry benefits consumers by offering lower prices and better quality services."

The joint statement also evaluates several arguments in support of CON laws, noting that the original cost-control reasons for CON laws no longer apply and that CON laws are an ineffective means to fund indigent care. For these reasons, the agencies encourage members of the Illinois task force – as well as officials in other states that continue to require certificates of need – to consider whether such laws do more harm than good.

Today's statement is based on the agencies' extensive experience with CON laws. The agencies jointly conducted hearings on issues in health care competition, including CON laws, in 2003; those hearings, and related research, led to a 2004 report, *Improving Health Care: A Dose of Competition*, which observed that, "on balance, CON programs are not successful in containing health care costs, and that they pose serious anticompetitive risks that usually outweigh their purported economic benefits." Today's statement is based on that report and more recent economic studies. Recently, the agencies have provided similar statements to the General Assembly and the Senate of the state of Georgia; the Committee on Health, Education and Social Services of the Alaska House of Representatives; and the Florida Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations.

The Commission vote approving the joint statement was 4-0.

Copies of the joint testimony are available from the FTC's Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov> and the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. The FTC's Bureau of Competition works with the Bureau of Economics to investigate alleged anticompetitive business practices and, when appropriate, recommends that the Commission take law enforcement action. To inform the Bureau about particular business practices, call **202-326-3300**, send an e-mail to antitrust@ftc.gov, or write to the Office of Policy and Coordination, Room 394, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, DC 20580. To learn more about the Bureau of Competition, read "Competition Counts" at <http://www.ftc.gov/competitioncounts>.

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Governor:

I am not sure whether Talis has gotten back to you. If he has, that information is probably more current than the brief status report I received from Ed Sniffen at LAW last week.

Ed has started gathering information on costs, prices, etc., LAW has also retained an expert economist, I believe his name is Barry Pulliam from ECONONE to analyze the data.

Ed has also been setting up meetings with the refiners to ask them questions and get additional information and to speak to their experts. Ed thought that LAW may have a preliminary report done by the end of the year.

I am copying this e-mail to Talis in case he has any thoughts to add or corrections to make.

Thanks,

Randy

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Hi Talis! What's new with AG investigation on gas prices in AK?

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